



Jump start your holiday shopping with trip to Arbor Gate

The Panorama Garden Club will be making a pilgrimage to the fabulous Arbor Gate garden center and gift emporium in Tomball on Thursday, November 16, one week ahead of Black Friday and just in time to kick off your holiday shopping with a flair.

Arbor Gate is a one-of-a-kind place, where flowers, herbs and shrubs mingle with handcrafted pots and artisan-created artwork for your home or yard. You'll find everything from giant birdhouses and weather vanes to wind chimes, glass art, and flower bed decorations of every size and shape.

Arbor Gate always has a huge display of holiday-related gifts straight from Santa's Workshop. And, of course, you'll find a complete selection of hats, gloves, fertilizers, tools and a wide selection of organic gardening products.

Plan to meet in the clubhouse parking area at 8:45 am on the 16th and car-



pool with other Garden Club members, departing at 9:00 to Arbor Gate. Lunch will be at the Whistle Stop restaurant in Tomball.

For more information, call Charlotte Belin at 936-890-3909 or Joan Jackson at 713-542-8577.

Engler appointed to City Council position

Royce Engler has been appointed to City Council to fill the vacancy created by John Langley's resignation. Royce and his wife, Suzan, have lived in Panorama for 12 years on Cherry Hill, just up from the lake. Royce has served as chairman of the Planning & Zoning Committee since May and is a member of the Panorama Lions Club.

Santa is coming to town

Save the date: Sunday, December 10 for our festive Winter Wonderland party at the clubhouse. This event is for the whole family, with children's activities and crafts, facepainting and balloon hats, and Santa himself roaming the hall in search of selfies. The hours are 5:00 to 8:00 pm and there is no admission charge.

July Fourth volunteer leaders sought

Volunteers are being sought for the 2018 Fourth of July celebration to serve on the committees that have been formed under new coordinator Barbara DeWitz. Six areas have been identified: Parade, Fireworks, Pageants/Bake-off, Kiddie Games, Water Attractions and Evening Program. If you're willing to help, please call Barbara at 936-228-0622.

Rolling Hills nine reopens

A scramble was held on Friday, October 13 to reopen our Rolling Hills nine following a 6-month renovation totaling approximately \$250,000. Shown at the signature twenty-first hole island green are Scott Atkinson, General Manager, Panorama Golf Club, Ted Nichols, Panorama Village Mayor Pro Tem,



Jesse Brawner, President, Panorama Men's Golf Association, plus PMGA members Sid Alexander and Joe Watson.

The Rolling Hills nine will be available for weekend play initially, and opened for daily play following completion of construction of a new water hazard on the twenty-third hole.

Tips for Better Golfing

Golfing great Ben Crenshaw says that distance is more important than line in minimizing your putting strokes.

ON THE TEE BOX *With Ruthie McGrath*

Recently the Panorama Golf Club switched to the GHIN System to maintain handicaps. The GHIN system (Golf Handicap and Information Network) was developed in 1980 and is now the largest handicap computation service used by over 12,000 clubs and about 2.3 million golfers. It is maintained by the United States Golf Association.

GHIN allows golfers of differing abilities to compete on an equitable basis and is based on golfers' scores and the courses played. Through the year, golfers enter their scores each time they play and are given a USGA Handicap Index number that can be computed into a course handicap.

Kyle Atkinson has set up our players in the new system using name, phone

number, and email. The cost to maintain a handicap is \$25 per year payable to the Pro Shop. Anyone wanting to play in competition in any group is expected to have a legitimate handicap.

To establish a handicap you must have Kyle enter your information into the computer to set up your account and get a GHIN number. The system uses ten of your last twenty scores to compute your index twice a month (1st and 15th) and you will receive an update email with your index, score history, and the ability to calculate your course handicap.

For a new account, you can usually get an index after ten scores have been entered. There are two ways to enter your score. Go to GHIN.com on the computer.

Go to Post Scores and enter your GHIN # and your last name. Continue to enter the date, home course or away, or tournament score. Then enter number of holes played (9 or 18), which course and tee you played from. Then enter your score which should already be adjusted to the ESC (equitable stroke control). There is a chart to use to see how to adjust your scores.

If you are not sure how to adjust your score, ask Kyle or your Tournament Chairman. You can also create a User Name and Password to use in posting scores. This article may be a little dry but it's very important information to be sure you have an accurate handicap (which EVERYONE ELSE wants YOU to have!)

So get your GHIN account set up today!

There has been quite a bit of conjecture and misinformation as to the sales tax vote on November 7. The Texas State sales and use tax is 6.25%, but local taxing jurisdictions (cities, counties, special purpose districts and transit authorities) may also impose sales and use additional tax up to 2% for a total maximum combined rate of 8.25%.

Until 2015, cities were limited a rate of 1.25%. We had to vote every four years, reauthorizing the city sales tax and we always dedicated it to roads. In 2015 the state allowed cities to collect 2% added to the 6.25%. Since we had voted in 2013 we couldn't take advantage of the increased sales tax until now. By voting for the increase to 2% we don't have to designate the funds to roads only and will not have to vote every four years saving thousands of dollars in election costs.

The council opted to ask for approval, by vote of our citizens, to go to 2% maximum. The problem is, if we vote the additional .75% down, we lose the original 1.25% we have been collecting. We could lose approx-

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imately \$125,000 of tax revenue. The additional .75% would add 75 cents to a \$100 purchase. About the only time you would expect to pay the additional tax is in the restaurant or pro shop paying for golf or golf equipment.

We are used to paying 8.25% when we make purchases anywhere in Texas. If you deal with a business operating in Panorama which collects sales tax (many do), you would also pay the additional tax and your garbage will increase by 17-23 cents.

Remember, a vote against this issue will be very expensive for Panorama, but a vote for will not cost each of you much at all. **The vote is not for a 2% increase but ¾ of penny for every taxable dollar spent in Panorama.**

Yard of the Month

Cindy Elliott
45 Winged Foot Drive



Clubhouse Food Service

Monday	Closed
Tuesday	11 am - 7 pm
Wednesday	11 am - 8 pm
Thursday	11 am - 6 pm
Friday	11 am - 8 pm
Saturday	12 pm - 6 pm
Sunday	12 pm - 4 pm

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Nov 3** Panorama Ladies Association at the clubhouse. Sgt Eric Burse, Texas Department of Public Safety will speak on safety tips for women, 10:30 registration, 11:00 program and lunch.
- Nov 7** Election Day at City Hall
- Nov 9** Liberty Belles Republican Women at the clubhouse, 11:30 check-in, 12:00 lunch and program. Teresa Strack, Director, Montgomery County Right To Life is speaker. Make reservations at libertybellesrw.com.
- Nov 16** Panorama Garden Club Arbor Gate field trip. Gather in parking lot 8:45 am, depart at 9:00 am. Lunch in Tomball at Whistle Stop restaurant.
- Nov 16** City Council special meeting at City Hall. Check website for time.
- Nov 23** Thanksgiving holiday, clubhouse closed